

2D INFANTRY DIVISION



FRG NEWSLETTER

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Hello, from the Division HQ and Freeman Hall.

I hope everyone is happy and healthy. The Division Staff is undergoing Command Inspections by the 8th Army Staff, and will soon go out to inspect the Brigade's. The Division recognized the hard work and proficiency of our Korean Augmentees to the United States Army (KATUSAs) with the Best KATUSA of 2006 ceremony on 8 February, where we awarded certificates and medals to the 29 best KATUSAs from across the Division. We also conducted our FRG Steering Committee meeting on 30 January, to report progress on addressing issues that affect you, our families, and also to get an azimuth check to ensure we are meeting the Commander's intent on the FRG Program. The CG then briefed the Yongsan FRG so that all of you are also aware of our progress and also to raise any other issues you feel need attention. Of course, all of you already know just how busy we are, and we appreciate your support and consideration.

This sixth issue of the FRG Newsletter continues the procedure of sending the newsletter without attachments, which are posted on the 2ID website. Among these items is a list of Tax Preparation Assistance Centers in Areas I, II, and III, and activity calendars and lists for the areas where you live. To view the files click on this link (http://www-2id.korea.army.mil/family/events/). I request that you forward the links for this information to the members of your unit FRG, both here and CONUS. There is a list of FRG events from the Warrior Activities Calendar below. To help you plan and hopefully attend them, we included the dates for our Battalion and Brigade changes of command. If you have other events or information you'd like included, please forward them to your Battalion FRG Leader who will forward them to our Division FRG Liaison. The Division PAO has scripted, voiced and produced several new radio spots for AFN Radio. You can hear them on Warrior radio stations 88.3/88.5 FM. Additionally, they have a new series of TV spots which will begin airing next Wednesday peninsula-wide on AFN Prime, Channel 12. They've titled the spots *The 2ID Warrior Blast* and the they will mirror the Kunsan 4-1-1. The spots will highlight news of interest and upcoming events specific to Warriors in Areas I, II, and III.

Thanks for your time and assistance!

DIVISION FRG EVENTS

Date	Location	Event
1BSTB President's Day Family Picnic	Camp Hovey	19-Feb-07
1BSTB FTX Welcome Home Barbecue	Camp Hovey	28-Feb-07
1-15 FA BN FRG Mtg	Camp Hovey	1-Mar-07
HHC 1HBCT Picnic	Camp Hovey	2-Mar-07
2ID FRG Meeting	CRC, CG's Mess	9-Mar-07
1BSTB Family Day	Camp Hovey	9-Mar-07
FRG Advisory Group Meeting	Div Conference Room	20-Mar-07
2ID Retirement Ceremony	CRC, Mitchell's	30-Mar-07
1-15 FA BN FRG Mtg	Camp Hovey	5-Apr-07
1-15 FA BN FRG Steering Committee Meeting	Camp Hovey	12-Apr-07

Camp Hovey	16-Apr-07
Div Conference Room	24-Apr-07
Camp Hovey	27-Apr-07
Camp Hovey	3-May-07
Camp Hovey	7-Jun-07
Camp Casey	8-Jun-07
Camp Eagle	15-Jun-07
Camp Humphreys	22-Jun-07
Camp Casey	26-Jun-07
CRC, CG's Mess	29-Jun-07
Camp Hovey	3-Jul-07
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IMPORTANT!

VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VOIP) SERVICE AGREEMENT REACHED: On June 22, 2006, LG DACOM Corporation advised AAFES that SamSung Rental and Telecommunications planned to block VoIP calls made by our Servicemembers if they were using VoIP services that were provided by companies that were not registered in compliance with the Korean Telecommunications Business Act. Blocking VoIP communications would have resulted in the loss of reasonably priced VoIP services, with a corresponding reduction in the quality of life for many USFK personnel. The USFK staff has successfully resolved this issue by ensuring local concessionaires provide VoIP services using Korean registered companies at prices comparable to those from US-based VoIP providers. Those who currently use VoIP will receive a "grandfather clause" allowing them to continue using their current provider. Those Soldiers and family members who arrive after 1 June 2007 should contract only with Korean authorized and registered VoIP companies. The following companies are all registered to offer VoIP services in Korea: Korea Telecom-KT, Hanaro Telecom, LG DACOM, SK Telinks, EPN, Dreamline, and Onse Telecom. The USFK POC for VoIP service agreement matters is the Assistant Chief of Staff, J6, at DSN 725-6811.

NEW! PROCEDURE FOR ON POST ACCESS FOR VISITORS FROM DESIGNATED COUNTRIES OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CONCERN: Designated Countries of Counterintelligence Concern are those countries that have policies, and engage in activities that are contrary to the interests of the U.S. Those countries may be communist controlled, former communist countries, or state sponsors of international terrorism. Currently, there are **over 40 countries** listed as Countries of Counterintelligence Concern to USFK. The list of Designated Countries includes most of the Former Soviet Republics, Malaysia, Vietnam and India. Visitors from these countries – Designated Country Personnel, or DCP - must follow a special procedure in order to obtain on-post access. Those who wish to have DCP as visitors must submit a written request to escort them **at least 20 working days prior to the visit**. An example of this request can be found in USFK Reg 190-7, Installation Access Control System. The sponsor must include a copy of the visitor's passport, to include photo, passport expiration, entry data, and type and expiration of the visitor's entry visa. This paperwork goes up through your Chain of Command until it reaches the Deputy Chief of Staff, USFK. Only the DCofS can approve access by DCP. Even after this paperwork is approved, a sponsor must sign their Visitor in and out each day and

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accompany them at all times. DCP personnel must be escorted at all times on post and cannot stay on post overnight. For complete details, example of necessary paperwork, and list of Designated Countries, please see USFK Reg 190-7 at <a href="http://www-pressure-necessary-nece

<u>hr.korea.army.mil/Programs Policy/PublicationsRecords/Regulations/USFK/USFK%20Reg%20190-7%20Installation%20Access%20Control%20System.pdf</u>

POLICY LETTER 8: RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: 2ID has released a revised Policy Letter Number 8. Due to our mission, all 2ID Soldiers must be in a high state of readiness and must be able to respond immediately and decisively in order to perform their armistice and wartime fighting mission. Irresponsible alcohol consumption is harmful to that readiness and detracts from training. Furthermore, alcohol-related incidents by 2ID Soldiers can have strategic consequences and can jeopardize the important relationships we maintain with the Republic of Korea, and there is a direct correlation between alcohol abuse and misconduct (e.g., sexual assault offenses). Therefore, irresponsible alcohol consumption must not deter 2ID from accomplishing its armistice training or wartime fighting mission, and does not endanger the lives and well-being of 2ID Soldiers and others. We will establish and maintain a Warrior ethos that deglamorizes alcohol and promotes early identification and treatment of abusers. 2ID Soldiers who choose to consume alcohol must do so responsibly at all times. Specifically, they will moderate their alcohol consumption and not consume alcohol to the extent that their blood alcohol content (BAC) is above. 2ID has produced and released informational radio and TV spots to advertise and inform our Soldiers on the reasons for this policy.

REGISTERING IN DBIDS: Last Summer's Courageous Channel exercise revealed that several hundred children of sponsors assigned in USFK are not registered in DBIDS (the Defense Biometric Identification System). USFK policy requires all children, regardless of age, to be registered in DBIDS. All sponsors, especially recent arrivals to Korea, should ensure all of their family members are registered in DBIDS. To register a child under the age of 10 in DBIDS, please bring an original/certified copy of the child's birth or adoption certificate or their passport. Please also have the child's social security number available.

FLO NOTES: The Family Liaison Office newsletter, FLO Notes, provides information useful to military families. It is published monthly by the Well Being Liaison Office in the Army G1. To subscribe to the newsletter, send a blank email to the newsletter coordinator, Kristin.kilbane@hqda.army.mil, with "Subscribe to FLO Notes" in the subject line.

WOMEN INFANTS AND CHILDREN OVERSEAS NUTRITION PROGRAM: The Department of Defense (DoD) offers the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Overseas nutrition program to eligible participants overseas. Members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees, and DOD contractors living overseas, and their family members, may be eligible to participate in the WIC Overseas program. WIC Overseas is a program that provides you and your family with several important benefits: nutritious food that will contribute to a healthier diet; tips on how to prepare a balanced meal; nutrition and health screening; and access to other resources that will help you and your family lead healthier lives. Participants in the WIC program eat more nutritious food, have reduced rates of iron deficiency anemia, have better eating habits which helps children become better students. WIC is available to eligible mothers-to-be, mothers who are part of the DoD family overseas, children who are part of the DoD family overseas. The program provides benefits to women during pregnancy, women after the birth of their child, the mother until the infant is six months old, Mothers who are breastfeeding (until the child's first birthday), eligible children (up to age five). Contact your local WIC Overseas office to see if you and your children are eligible for WIC Overseas nutritional benefits. A WIC Overseas counselor will help you determine if you can join the program and, if so, will help you get started.

Post Phone Office Hours

Casey 730-3436 Tuesday to Friday 8:00 – 4:00 Humphreys 753-6909 Tuesday and Friday 8:00 – 4:30

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Osan	784-9426	Monday to Friday 8:00 - 4:30	
Taegu	768-9424	Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 - 3:30	
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Yongsan	736-6074	Monday 8:30 - 4:30	
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		Friday 9:30 -3:30	
		Saturday 9:00 – 100	

Close Wednesday and Thursday

To locate the nearest WIC Overseas office, visit the TRICARE Web site at http://www.tricare.osd.mil/wic.

NEWS SHORTS

DRAGON HILL LODGE OFFERS SPECIAL ROOM PACKAGES: The Dragon Hill Lodge is offering a limited time special room package in addition to their normal specials. The package deal is offered in conjunction with the special Star Wars Science and Art exhibition at the COEX complex in Seoul. This exhibition includes over 160 objects and artwork created for the six Star Wars films, interactive exhibits, and presentations on the special effects featured and science featured in the films. Rooms for this package start at \$106 (based on rank) and come with two tickets to the Star Wars exhibition and a \$25 gift certificate. For more information or to make reservations, please call 738-2222, ext. 6445, or visit the DHL website at http://www.dragonhilllodge.com/main.html.

AREA I

VOTING SLOGAN CONTEST: The 2008 primary and general elections need a slogan to inspire interest and participation. Submit your entries today. For more information call: 723-7514.

AREA II

USFK COMMANDER PUTS UNIVERSITY AREA OFF-LIMITS: The commander of United States Forces Korea has designated the Hongdae/Hongik University area in Seoul off-limits to all USFK service members, civilian employees, contractor employees and their family members between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. daily for reasons of force protection. The Hongdae/Hongik University area is located about two miles west of Yongsan main Post, immediately southwest of the Sinchon subway station and rotary and includes the Hongdae bar district. This order does not apply to KATUSA Soldiers or Korean employees. For more details and maps go to the force protection page on USFK.mil.

HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE: There will be a Korea Homeschool Conference held March 3, from 8:30 a.m., to 5 p.m., in Seoul. For more information, contact Dawn Snyder at 02-6355-5225

AREA III

BABYSITTING CLASS SCHEDULED: The Red Cross will have a Babysitting Class Friday, Feb 16, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Red Cross building. Students must be at least 12 years old at the start of the class. Limited to the first 10 students to register. Call 753-7173.

CROSS CULTURAL MARRIAGE SEMINAR SET: Feb. 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Freedom Chapel. Register by Feb. 20, at 753-8401.

<u>US CITIZENSHIP CLASS</u>: The Camp Humphreys ACS will hold classes on becoming a United States Citizen. The class will be held 27 Mar, from 1400-1600, at the ACS Building. Please contact ACS at 753-8401 for additional information.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

NEW! YELLOW SAND SEASON RETURNS: Yellow Sand is inhalable particles smaller than 10 micrometers (PM10) in diameter that originate from dry, desert regions of China, Mongolia. Yellow Sand events usually occur during the spring (March, April and May). Since 1999, however, Yellow Sand events have also occurred during winter months. In sufficient concentration, the fine particles can obscure visibility, irritate soft tissues in the eyes, nose, mouth, and throat, and cause or exacerbate respiratory and cardiovascular problems. To avoid health risks take the following actions. During the dust storm:

- Avoid outdoor activities, especially in the elderly, young children, and persons with asthma or other airway diseases
- Keep windows and doors closed
- Remove contact lenses and wear glasses
- Brush your teeth and wash your hands, face and eyes with warm water upon returning indoors
- Drink plenty of water to keep your tears flowing well
- Use air filter to keep air clear, and humidifier to increase indoor humidity level
- Wash dust exposed fruits and vegetables before consumption
- Wash hands carefully before handling and preparing food

After the dust storm has cleared:

- Air out room/house
- Wash dust exposed objects before using them do this carefully to keep from stirring up the dust Check the current dust concentration in your location at 18th MEDCOM website: http://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil.

NEW! KOREAN HEMORRHAGIC FEVER: KHF has been a hazard to all servicemembers in Korea since 1986. The infection occurs by breathing or swallowing dust contaminated with virus laden rodent feces, urine, and saliva. Incubation period usually is 2-4 weeks and Soldiers are proven to be sick through positive blood sample. They will experience fever, sore throat, and other "flu-like" symptoms, yet person-to-person transmission does NOT occur. For more information see attached Memorandum or USFK Regulation 40-1.

<u>UNIFORMED SERVICES FAMILY HEALTH PLAN</u>: The Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP) is a TRICARE Prime option available to active duty dependents, retirees and retiree family members through not-for-profit health care systems in six areas of the United States. If you use the USFHP, you must get all care through the USFHP network in your area. By using USFHP you get the TRICARE Prime program benefits, plus premium advantages and features at no extra cost. For more information about eligibility, visit the USFHP Website at: http://www.tricare.osd.mil/faqs/Default.aspx, or the TRICARE Website at http://www.tricare.osd.mil/faqs/Default.aspx. You may enroll in the USFHP at any time during the year by completing an application for the provider in your area. For more information, and to download an application, visit: http://www.usfamilyhealthplan.org.

TRICARE ALLOWABLE CHARGES AVAILABLE ONLINE: The new website at:

http://www.tricare.osd.mil/allowablecharges shows the most frequently used procedures and the amount TRICARE is legally allowed to pay for them. These charges are tied to allowable charges for the Medicare program, thus making them an allowable federal standard for health care costs. It used to be that a TRICARE claims processor told the provider the allowable charge amount for services and procedures. Now anyone can see what TRICARE will pay for over 300 procedures and services.

NEW! ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Alcoholics Anonymous® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to

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stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. In Warrior Country, there are weekly AA meetings at the many locations. For additional information on AA, check the AA website http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org/index.cfm?Media=PlayFlash or the AA in Korea website www.aainkorea.org.

Camp Casey Reach Out Group-Red Cross Building

Mon-Wed- Friday @ 2030, Bldg # 2317 POC: **Russell** at 010-2660-8307

Camp Red Cloud Group – CRC Troop Medical Clinic

Thursdays@1745, Bldg S-306 POC: **lan** at 010-2660-5870

Camp Stanley Group- Camp Stanley ASAP Clinic

Tues & Fri @ 1745, Bldg 2425 POC: **Alan** at 010-6871-1855

Seoul USO - USO Camp Kim

Mon through Sat @1830 POC: **Ron** at 011-9765-2983

Camp Humphreys, Keep it Simple Group Building, next door to CCC building. Friday to Monday @ 1900

ROAD CONDITION HOTLINE.

The changing weather conditions will have a direct effect on the road conditions throughout 2ID. If any units would like to know the current road conditions, they can call 738-7623 or log on to http://www.korea.army.mil/Road-Conditions/Road-Conditions.htm.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS.

The emergency phone number can be accessed through any DSN phone on every camp by dialing 911. To access 911 on your cell phone on: CRC: 031-870-9117, Casey: 0505-730-5906. The Prostitution and Human Trafficking 2ID Hotline is: 736-9333 or KNP- 02-723-0183. For Korean National Police call 112. The Sexual Assault Hotline for active duty military victims of sexual assault and any uniformed members to provide input (anonymously if desired) to the DOD Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assault is: 011-740-0479. A mental health care professional or chaplain will answer the Crisis Intervention Hotline. Dial H-E-L-P (4357) from any DSN phone or 0505-730-HELP from a cell phone or non-DSN phone.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

UPDATE! ADVOCACY PROGRAM: Education/Preventive Services include New Parent Support activities and classes, Crisis Intervention and Referrals, Stress and Anger Management classes, Command/Troop Briefings, and other parenting classes. The overall goal is to promote effective healthy family functioning, reduce family stress, and eliminate violence through education and support programs. The three components of Family Advocacy are Education/Prevention, Intervention & Treatment. Questions for dates and times call 730-3150.

<u>USFK REGULATION 614-2 – IN-PROCESSING ORIENTATION PROGRAM</u>: On 11 January 2007, USFK released an updated Reg 614-2 Inprocessing Orientation program. This regulation establishes

policies and procedures for orienting all USFK personnel on certain subject areas to facilitate in-processing and transition to their assignment in Korea. This regulation also provides guidance on Spouse Orientation. Spouses are now required to attend in-processing to receive essential information about living in Korea, including their obligations under the US-ROK (United States-Republic of Korea) Status of Forces Agreement. Only spouses who have attended in-processing will be eligible for a permanent ration card. While final guidance for Spouse orientations has not been established for each Area, this information will be released soon. (Note: It is mandatory for spouses to attend to receive permanent ration card.)

The Area III Spouse Orientation Seminar (SOS) will be held February 26th and March 20th at the Humphreys CAC, Bldg 110, starting at 0800, and March 13th at the Camp Long CAC. To register or for future dates, times or information on SOS, call 753-8401. 20 - SOS

The full regulation is available at the USFK public website. http://www-hr.korea.army.mil/Programs_Policy/PublicationsRecords/Regulations/USFK/USFK%20Reg%20614-1%20Military%20Command%20Sponsorship%20Program.pdf

STRONG BONDS FAMILY MINISTRY AND TRAINING. 2ID Chaplains are sponsoring a wonderful opportunity for couples assigned to the Division in the coming months, February thru May. Each month they will be offering the Strong Bonds Training at the Dragon Hill Lodge for up to 20 couples per Brigade. The event is built around classes where couples can learn skills needed to build and maintain life-long, healthy relationships! Chaplains provide a night at the Lodge and 4 meals along with 8 hours of training that will enhance each family's life. Soldier-families interested should contact their Brigade or Battalion Chaplain for details.

<u>OPERATION HELPING HAND</u>. 2ID Chaplains and the Area 1 Chaplain's Office have a program to support families in need of financial assistance. Operation Help Hand is available to provide assistance for food at the Commissary. Requests for support can be coordinated through the Soldier's Battalion Chaplain.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON CRC AND CAMP CASEY. 2ID Chaplains are now offering Family-focused religious education classes at the Warrior Chapel (CRC) and the West Casey Chapel (next to the Library on CP Casey). Classes include Sunday School (Bible Study); a Children's Church program for ages 4 thru 2nd Grade held during the Protestant Services; and a variety of study programs for Men and Ladies of the Chapel throughout the week. Contact the Division Chaplain at 732-7998 for more information.

FRG LEADER TRAINING: Training is available for FRG Leaders, both online and at Army Community Services. This training is intended to to offer support, assistance, and training to FRG Leaders, no matter your geographic location or schedule. Leading an FRG focuses on four main areas: Managing, Leading, Connecting, and Empowering. These four leadership rings overlap, and Army Soldiers and families are the core and primary focus of the FRG. Online training is available at MyArmyLifeToo.com

MONTHLY LANGUAGE CLASSES: Area II Army Community Services offers monthly Korean and English classes. In addition to level I & II classes in both languages, Basic English Conversation and Basic English Grammar are offered. For information or to register, call 738-7505/723-6810.

FINANCIAL READINESS AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

ACS provides financial training to assist Soldiers and Family Members become more fiscally responsible. This training is offered at ACS facilities at the listed time. Financial Readiness offers a wide range of services to individual soldiers and to units. For the individual, we can assist in preparing detailed budgets for the future. This is especially helpful to people who are about to be married, have a child, or relocate.

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For those who are experiencing or anticipate financial difficulties, we offer counseling and several publications to help get the situation corrected. Please call 730-3142/3108 for additional information.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>		
16 FEB 07	Marriage, Baby and Budget Seminar	0900-1200	Camp Casey, ACS		
20 FEB 07	Personal Financial Management Training	0900-1700	Camp Stanley, ACS		
23 FEB 07	Understanding Your Checkbook	0900-120	0 Camp Casey, ACS		
Area III ACS offers Personal Financial Readiness Education Every Tuesday at 1300					

FAMILY READINESS GROUPS: Family Readiness is the state of preparedness and a key component of mission readiness. 2ID/ Area 1 has established CARRR (Commanders Academy for Readiness, Retention, & Resilience) to facilitate education, training and communication. CARRR convenes quarterly and highlights various areas of Family Readiness. Utilizing Operation READY, AFTB and agency presentations, this forum equips Commanders and FRG Leaders with tools to sustain mission readiness. Questions for dates and times call 730-3143.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

United States Forces Korea (USFK) http://www.usfk.mil/USFK/index.html

Eighth United States Army (EUSA) http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/

2nd Infantry Division http://www-2id.korea.army.mil/

IMA Korea Region http://ima.korea.army.mil/imakoroweb/sites/local/

Area II Web site http://area2.korea.army.mil
TRICARE Website http://www.tricare.osd.mil/

Army Families Online: http://www.armyfamiliesonline.org/
Military OneSource http://www.militaryonesource.com
Military Homefront http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/

My Army Life Too http://www.myarmylifetoo.com
US Embassy Seoul http://seoul.usembassy.gov/

US Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services http://www.uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm

Dragon Hill Lodge http://www.dragonhilllodge.com/main.html

America Supports You is a nationwide program launched by the DoD that recognizes citizens' support for our servicemembers. http://www.americasupportsyou.mil

Give the gift of groceries - enables donations of commissary gift certificates to military families. To order by phone, call 1-877-770-4438, or check out the commissary Web site to order online. http://www.commissaries.com/certificheck/index.cfm

Gifts from the Homefront - makes Military Exchanges available to servicemembers serving around the world. The program enables donors to send a gift certificate to a military family. http://www.aafes.com/docs/homefront.htm

U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program - To support wounded servicemembers, visit the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program. This program was established in April 2004 to help wounded veterans and their family's transition to civilian life. Part of this program includes the Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs), which offer support to families. These organizations include the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America Association, and others. The assistance offered by each organization differs. A listing of these organizations' Web sites can be found on the AW2 Web site. https://www.aw2.army.mil/

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The Fisher House Foundation - offers families of wounded servicemembers a place, close to the Military Medical Facility, to stay while their loved-one is being treated. http://www.fisherhouse.org/

Operation Purple - is an opportunity to support children of deployed servicemembers. Check out "Operation Purple" Summer Camps, which are sponsored by the National Military Family Association at http://www.nmfa.org. Operation Purple is open to the children of all branches of service including National Guard and the reserve. The camp is free and enables children an opportunity to attend summer camps with other military children with a shared experience. The camps' counselors help the children learn how to cope with their feelings.

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